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Chicago International Exporting
Attn: Mr. Bud Cohen and Mr. Steven Cohen
4020 S. Wentworth
Chicago, IL. 60609

Dear Sirs,

This letter outlines the final phase of the U.S. EPA's on-going removal action at your facility. This letter confirms the U.S. EPA's and Chicago International Exporting meeting on February 27, 1995 and from the U.S. EPA's verbal conversation with Mr. Bud Cohen on March 7, 1995.

The U.S. EPA is proceeding with the final phase of the Removal Action by completing excavation and disposal of the contaminated soil in the North end of the Main Yard. (Area A on Attached Map) The U.S. EPA will then move to Area B to remove the contaminated material followed by decontamination of the cement pad. All scrap steel and any useable motors or copper fines in Area B will have to be moved by March 15 to facilitate the removal process. The copper fines pile in area B will be consolidated until the material can be moved off-site, processed, or disposed.

All contaminated material from the surface of the concrete and asphalt pads in the main yard will be removed and disposed. (Area B & C on attached map.) The pad will be decontaminated appropriately with high pressure washers, scabblers or vacuum units. This phase of the removal will commence in Area B on March 13, 1995. It is expected that the shredding operations in the Main yard will have to be shut down periodically to facilitate clean-up operations. The conveyors and shakers exiting the shredding unit will have to be moved to facilitate removal of contaminated material which lies underneath.

The U.S. EPA will require CIE to move scrap steel, motors, and other useable items from Area C in the Main Yard. All scrap steel, motors and copper fines will have to be moved from the Eastern half of Area C by March 24 to allow the U.S. EPA to clean and decontaminate this area.

U.S. EPA will then proceed to clean-up and decontaminate the East half of Area C (along Wentworth Ave.) in the main yard. All useable motors, scrap steel or other items will have to be moved by March 31. The magnetic crane will have to be utilized to move the motors to the East side of the main yard. CIE will have to take all precautions to minimize movement of any contaminated material.

U.S. EPA has discussed construction of a concrete pad and installation of an oil water separator in the North end of the Main Yard. The pad will have to be constructed by CIE by March 31 to allow storage of new motors coming into the yard and for storage of scrap steel. CIE is in the process of constructing a concrete pad which will have to cure for 15 to 20 days prior to staging any scrap steel or motors. It is expected that CIE will construct and utilize the North end of the property by the first or second week of April. Any new loads of motors or steel or shredded copper will have to be staged on the new concrete pad in the North end.

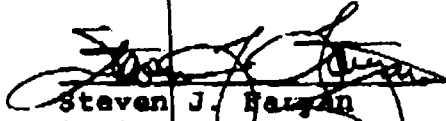
The removal action will move to the main building in the last two weeks of April. The chopping and gravity separator will have to be shut down during this phase of the removal. All shredded copper material and debris will have to be removed by CIE by April 17, 1995. The contaminated material, dust, and debris remaining will be removed and disposed at this time. The floor and walls will be decontaminated with a high pressure washer, HEPA vacuum or scabbler. It is expected that power will have to be shut down in the building periodically during this phase of the removal.

The final step of the removal action will be the removal of the rail spur and contaminated material which lies underneath. Removal of the tracks and contaminated material is essential since there is no way to contain the contaminated material in place.

The U.S. EPA has discussed this work plan verbally with owner Mr. Bud Cohen on March 7, 1995. Mr. Cohen had agreed that the dates and actions stated above are reasonable and will be taken care of by CIE. To date no action has been taken to move any material out of the way in Area B to facilitate removal of the contaminated material. The U.S. EPA will be moving into the areas identified above beginning the week of March 13, 1995 and will encounter considerable delays and expense to the project if CIE does not move the scrap steel, crane boom, bricks, transformer, and other debris out of the way.

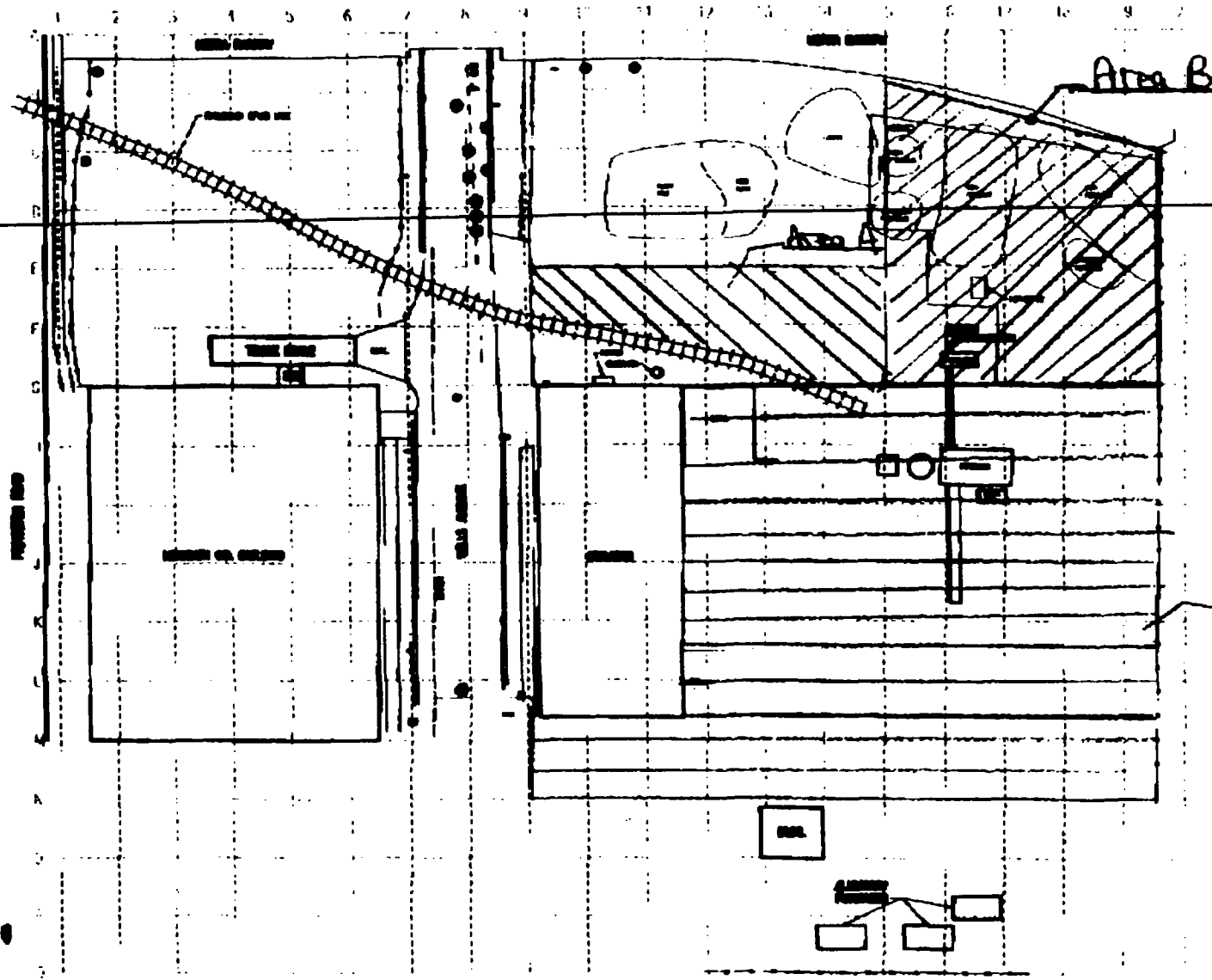
Furthermore, if the material identified above is not moved from the areas by the dates set forth above, then the U.S. EPA will move or dispose of all material necessary to implement its ongoing response action at the CIE site.

If you have any questions regarding this letter feel free to contact me at 312-373-1085.


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